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To: Tsarkov, Alex

Subject: SB 1094

Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I am writing today to voice my **opposition** for SB 1094: An Act Banning Large Capacity Ammunition Magazines.

The Centers for Disease Control's study of the 1994 Assault Weapons Ban was not able to show a magazine ban had any reduction in crime, and there is no reason to believe a ban today will change that.

Aside from that, a confiscation of legally purchased magazines is outright unconstitutional and will turn hundreds of thousands of law-abiding citizens into criminals.

Also, from an economic standpoint, this bill would hurt not only private citizens who have to replace their magazines, but many of the small businesses that either manufacture or have a hand in manufacturing magazines in Connecticut. I encourage you to look into the potential loss of tax revenue that is at stake.

I understand the good intention behind the proposed law, but I do not believe this is the answer to the problem. The only ones this will effect are the law-abiding. The criminals will still get their hands on illegal guns, and illegal magazines. I feel the best thing to do is to enforce the gun laws we already have, and hold criminals more accountable for their actions.

Thank you for your time, and I hope I may have persuaded you in some small way.

-Richard Szlama
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